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Mr. Salem Azzam, Secretary General,
Islamic Council,
16, Grosvenor Crescent,
London SW 17 ED.

Dear Secretary General,

I refer to your letter of January 30, 1989 concerning the serious situation which the people of Afghanistan is now facing, and the need to mobilize resources of food and other necessities.

In 1988, Denmark as the first country contributed un-earmarked funds to the United Nations' Afghanistan Emergency Fund. It is the intention of the Danish government during the first year of repatriation and reconstruction to contribute up to 60 million Danish kroner, or approximately 8,3 million US dollars, in humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan. This assistance will be given in close coordination with the United Nations' coordinator to organizations within the United Nations System, to ICRC and to non-governmental organizations. In this way, Denmark is supporting a concerted international effort to provide vital aid to the Afghan people.

Yours sincerely,

Ole Tarp
Counsellor.